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TAGS: IAEA TECH AORG

SUBJ: IAEA NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT TRAINING COURSE

REF: IAEA VIENNA 0451

1. MISSION REQUESTED INFORM AGENCY OF FOLLOWING U.S. REACTION
TO REVISED PROGRAM OUTLINED REFTEL:

(A) FROM PEDAGOGICAL VIEWPOINT, COMPRESSING PHASES 2 AND
3 INFO ONE FIFTEEN WEEK SEGMENT WILL SERIOUSLY CURTAIL
EFFECTIVENESS OF TRAINING NEEDED. COMPRESSION OF FULL COURSE
FROM 9 MONTHS AS INTENDED INTO SIX MONTH COURSE COULD ONLY
BE DONE WITH IMPAIRMENT TO COVERAGE AND DEPTH OF TOTAL
COURSE. WE ENCOURAGE AGENCY TO RETAIN THE FULL PROGRAM
IF POSSIBLE AND WOULD ONLY AGREE TO REDUCTION RELUCTANTLY IF
IT NECESSARY.

(B) FROM FINANCIAL VIEWPOINT, LOWERING NUMBER OF STUDENTS
IN EACH COURSE WILL SHARPLY INCREASE THE PER STUDENT COST
AS WILL SCHEDULING ONLY TWO COURSE PER YEAR. THERE WILL BE
ONGOING OVERHEAD AND STAFF SALARIES (AFTER DEVELOPMENTAL
WORK COMPLETED) WITH ONLY 30 WEEKS PER YEAR DEDICATED TO
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ACTUAL INSTRUCTION. THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM COULD BE

SOMEWHAT ALLEVIATED IF ADDITIONAL NON-IAEA SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS WERE PERMITTED IN EACH COURSE, WITH AN APPROPRIATE FEE TO BE CHARGED. ALSO, ERDA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING AN ADDITIONAL COURSE EACH YEAR IF THERE WERE SUFFICIENT APPLICANTS. IAEA FUNDED PARTICIPANTS WOULD OF COURSE BE GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR POSITIONS IN THIS EXTRA COURSE AND NO MORE THAN 50 WOULD BE ENROLLED IN ANY GIVEN CLASS. FOR ANY NON-AGENCY SPONSORED STUDENTS IN SUCH AN EXTRA COURSE, THE AGENCY WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS'S EXPENSES.

2. U.S. RECOGNIZES AGENCY MAY NOT BE PREPARED MODIFY ITS PROPOSED PROGRAM AT THIS TIME, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ABOVE U.S. VIEWS, AND IS PREPARED ACCEPT PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED REFTEL. THIS POSITION CLEARED BY AMBASSADOR TAPE, LIVERMAN AND BECK. KISSINGER

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